

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Wednesday, May 16, 2007**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Accavitti, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Huizenga, Moolenaar, Opsommer. (18/19)**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Horn. (1/19)**

Representative Miller made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2007. No objections being offered, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

Joseph Welch, President and CEO of ITC Holdings Corporation, spoke to the Committee on a variety of issues, including: an explanation of ITC Holdings; the lack of transmission industry investment and the impact of underinvestment; the need for investment in Michigan's infrastructure; the backlog of maintenance and work being performed to eliminate it; maintenance assessment; the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Electric Energy Plan and ITC; that reliability of grid is assured through transmission; that transmission provides access to markets; wholesale and regional energy markets; the current "participant funding" mechanism; fixing the interconnection problem; and a joint study of ITC Transmission with the American Electric Power (AEP) to study the feasibility of a 765kV line and the proposed route for the line. Questions were answered for Committee members.

Representative Miller made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Accavitti declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:30 a.m.

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Representative Frank Accavitti, Jr., Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk  
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